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This is the 39-story marble and glass Secretariat building of the United Nations in New York City. The dome topping the General Assembly hall is shown in the foreground. Delegates at Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Convocation July 4-6 will tour the United Nations buildings and learn of the work done there.

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A Message from International Society's President

My dear Christian Endeavor Associates:

An important meeting of the Executive Committee of the International Society was held March 21-22 in Columbus, Ohio. Fruitful results of the past were reported; dynamic plans for the future were projected.

I am happy to announce that one of the most significant developments of that meeting was the naming of Harold E. Westerhoff as General Secretary of the International Society. This is a well-deserved promotion, recognizing his growing leadership, and his unique ability. Harold follows in a distinguished line of General Secretaries, beginning with the Reverend S. Winchester Adriance. Perhaps the most noteworthy was William Shaw. The office has remained vacant since early 1956 when Dr. Gene Stone left it, after a long and fruitful service.

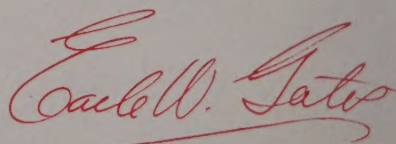
The General Secretary is the chief administrative officer of the International Society, being charged with its general program, as well as the supervision of Headquarters and personnel. His oversight over the total Movement is a necessary part of his responsibility.

In a day when we are taking definite steps forward in both our organization and our leadership, the co-ordination made possible by an efficient head is essential. The new Extension Secretary, Cecil A. Jeffery, began a program of field service on March 1. Robert C. Ross, our Educational Secretary, on April 1 moved into full-time service from his former half-time status. The Assistant Secretary and Editor of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD, Phyllis I. Rike, has a growing field of responsibility. As our horizons broaden, what a dedicated and proficient team we now have at Headquarters! Truly there is no limit to the future of Christian Endeavor.

I earnestly ask your daily prayers for these Christian leaders, and for our beloved cause. They lead us, and they are led of us; they can go no further than we make possible. We are living in a day when we must support our convictions about Christian youth work with action. A second-mile giving of time and money, prayer and influence, will be but our reasonable service if we believe in Christian Endeavor.

May our Lord's blessing be upon you, and your daily witness.

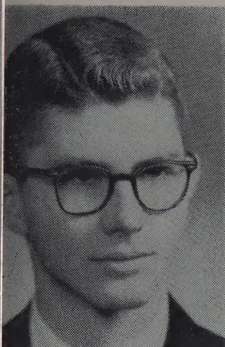
Sincerely yours,



President

Youth Win Honors in 1958 Citizenship Contest

**Albert H. Diebold Awards Totaling \$1000
To Be Presented at Citizenship Rally
July 5 in New York During Convocation**



Walter A. Baker
New England
First Place—Division B

Second-place winner in both the 1956 and 1957 Citizenship Contests, Walter this year was selected for the top award in Division B. He is 21 years of age.

A senior at Harvard College in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Walter's home town is Columbia, Kentucky, where he is a member of the Columbia-Union Presbyterian Church.

At college Walter is active in the Congregational-Presbyterian Student Fellowship, having served as secretary and publicity chairman. He is now a member of the cabinet and this year was chairman of the planning committee for the Eastern New England Mid-Winter Conference of the Student Christian Movement.

Walter has selected law and politics as his vocation. He is a member of the Harvard Young Republican Club and serves on the Kirkland House Committee.

He has been active in Boy Scout work, serving as a junior leader, and has participated in many community activities.

They Finished Second



Doris June Kelly
Southern



Barbara Williams
Great Lakes

Doris is a member of Belmont Presbyterian Church in Roanoke, Virginia, and a high school senior. Also she is employed part time. Having just reached her 18th birthday, she is planning to become a teacher. She serves as co-recreational superintendent of the Roanoke Christian Endeavor Union and publicity superintendent for the Virginia Union.

Employed as Youth Director and Secretary of South Side Christian Church in Hammond, Indiana, Barbara is a graduate of Milligan College (Tennessee). Hailing from Cincinnati, Ohio, she is 23 years of age. As sponsor of the young people at South Side Church she is active in Valpo district Union.



Elaine L. Kozar
Middle Atlantic
Top Winner—Division A

The top winner in Division A, Elaine lives in Ambridge, Pennsylvania. She is 17 years old and a high school senior. It is her ambition to become a director of religious education.

At First Presbyterian Church Elaine is an active Christian Endeavorer. She has served as president of the Junior Society and secretary and treasurer of the senior group. She is now song leader and teacher for the Juniors and recreation chairman for both groups.

Elaine gave a youth witness at last year's Pennsylvania Convention and has also participated in Beaver County Christian Endeavor rallies. In 1955 she attended the International Convention and she has also attended Western District Conferences and many state events.

At Ambridge High School she is editor of the yearbook, vice-president of the National Honor Society, and chairman of the Gymnastic Club. Her varied interests include music, drama, cheerleading, and basketball.

First Award—\$200 each and Trip to Citizenship Convocation

Division A

Elaine L. Kozar, Ambridge,
Pennsylvania

Division B

Walter A. Baker, Cambridge,
Massachusetts

Second Award—\$100 each

Division A

Doris June Kelly, Roanoke, Virginia

Division B

Barbara Williams, Hammond,
Indiana

Third Award—\$50 each

Division A

Patrick F. Smythe, Houston, Texas

Division B

Mrs. Mary R. Mundy, Ville D'Anjou,
Quebec

Runners-Up in Finals—\$25 each

(Pictures on Page 4)

Division A

Ken Bauman, Floradale, Ontario
Beverley Ann Bradley, Sherwood,
Oregon

George Fleming, South Haven,
Michigan
Irene Harmelink, Aurora, Colorado
Ralph Johnson, Braintree,

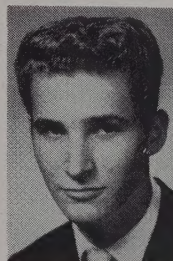
Massachusetts

Elaine J. Kleyn, Lester, Iowa

Division B

John M. Clarke, Bloomsburg,
Pennsylvania
Shirley Groendyke, Pella, Iowa
Janet L. Lile, Roanoke, Virginia
C. Ellenor Potter, Grover, Colorado
Dewey L. Wiles, Midway City,
California

Third Award Winners



Patrick F. Smythe
Southwestern



Mrs. Mary R. Mundy
Canadian

In his junior year in high school, Patrick is a member of Magnolia Christian Church in Houston, Texas, and has a record for seven years' perfect attendance at Sunday school. At 16 he is interested in journalism. He is vice-president of his Christian Endeavor society and active in local and state work.

At 22 Mrs. Mundy is employed as a teacher in Montreal, Quebec. She is a graduate of Emmaus Bible School and is a member of the Salvation Army. She serves as secretary of her young people's group and is a Girl Guide Captain. Also she attends Youth for Christ meetings regularly. In college she was active in Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.

Runners-Up In Citizenship Contest Finals Division A



Ken Bauman
Canadian



Beverley Ann Bradley
Pacific



George Fleming
Great Lakes



Irene Harmelink
Rocky Mountain

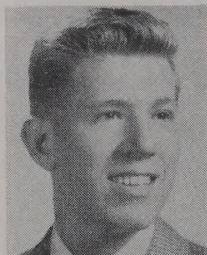


Ralph Johnson
New England



Elaine J. Kley
Central

Division B



John M. Clarke
Middle Atlantic



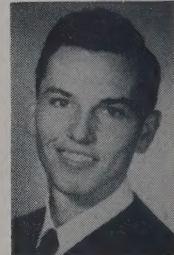
Shirley Groendyke
Central



Janet L. Lile
Southern



C. Ellenor Potter
Rocky Mountain



Dewey L. Wiles
Pacific

State and Provincial Winners

RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES AND AWARD EMBLEMS

To all state and provincial winners.

State and provincial first place winners in each division were eligible for regional honors; regional winners competed for the top awards.

Division A

Patricia Ann Roberts, Birmingham, Alabama
Ophelia Kassarian, Los Angeles, California
Elaine M. Lockwood, Woodmont, Connecticut
Wanda L. Hill, Washington, D. C.
Joanne Boersma, Chicago, Illinois
David W. Dossett, Princeton, Indiana

Carol Ruth Brown, Annville, Kentucky
Richard M. Smith, Walkersville, Maryland

Patsy M. Welliver, Adrian, Missouri
Nancy Jean Schadewald, Fair Lawn, New Jersey

Carol E. Gates, Derby, New York
Linda R. Cameron, Erwin, North Carolina

Judith E. Gano, Wickliffe, Ohio
Patricia Ann Combs, Fountain City, Tennessee

Nancy G. Wheeler, Whitingham, Vermont

Susanne Gabriel, Clarksburg, West Virginia

Division B

Margaret Turner, Colchester, Connecticut

Wayman B. Shiver, Jr., Atlanta, Georgia

Ryan Thompson, Jr., Newark, New Jersey

Cormac H. Ryan, Yonkers, New York
Lawrence S. Steinmetz, Hiram, Ohio

William Ford, Jr., Knoxville, Tennessee
Helen Kirk, Tacoma, Washington

Marjorie Rauwerdink, Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin

Shirley May Fretz, Stevensville, Ontario

All Contest Winners to be Honored at Citizenship Convocation

The high point of Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Convocation in New York City will be the rally Saturday evening, July 5, when the Albert H. Diebold Awards will be presented to the winners in the 1958 Citizenship Contest.

Speaker at this meeting will be the honorable Dr. Frank P. Graham, chairman of the United Nations Indo-Pakistan Commission. Dr. Graham, an outstanding Christian leader, is a former senator from North Carolina.

The Convocation opens Friday, July 4, with dinner at 5:30 P.M. That evening

delegates will take part in a chapel service at the Bowery Mission, in the heart of New York's "skid row." Dr. Oscar Bussey, president of the Scottish National Christian Endeavor Union, will speak.

Saturday, July 5, begins with a Quiet Hour service in Herald Square, led by Dr. Earle W. Gates, president of the International Society. High lights of the day's program are a guided tour of United Nations, a yacht trip around Manhattan Island, and the Convocation Banquet preceding the rally.

Delegates will begin Sunday with a

Quiet Hour service in Madison Square Park. Dr. A. W. Schattschneider, pastor of the New Dorp Moravian Church, Staten Island, will speak.

Following morning worship, the young will meet in buzz groups. At the closing luncheon Dr. Daniel A. Poling, World Union president, will direct the dedicatory service.

The total cost for the Convocation only \$30. Use the handy blank on Page 2 to register. All young people are invited to participate.

Letters... Dear Mr. Editor:



Each young person who entered the Citizenship Contest sent a copy of his "Letter" to the editor of a local newspaper.

Speak for Christian Citizenship!

This winning letter in Division A was written by Elaine L. Kozar, high school senior of Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

Walter Baker, a senior at Harvard College, prepared this letter which helped him win first place in Division B.

Mr. Arthur T. Thompson
Editor, *The Daily Citizen*
30 Glenwood Avenue
Ambridge, Pennsylvania

Mr. Louis DeRossett, Editor
Adair County News
Columbia, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Editor:

As a citizen of our United States of America, as a resident of our state of Pennsylvania, and as a teen-ager of our community, ask your permission to "Speak for Christian Citizenship."

We, the youth of today, are living in a time of great opportunity. Life is no longer merely an existence—but a challenge to us all. The world is striving for perfection in the fields of science and mathematics, nations are fighting for world supremacy, people the world over are lying in the streets starving—not only for food for the body, to keep them alive, but for food for the mind and the soul. We, the everyday American citizens, must realize that we are not watching a motion picture entitled "This Is Life"—we are a part of it. We cannot sit in the audience and watch the show. Life is going on around us every second. Every day thousands of babies are being born. What kind of a world do we have prepared for them? What can we, as American citizens, do to make our world a better place in which to live?

Military and economic leadership have not given us the kind of world we want. Ours is the need of spiritual leadership and only through it will we even be able to think in terms of world peace. Therefore the first thing we must be willing to do is to put away our selfish desires and become constant witnesses for Christ through Christian Citizenship. Where is the opportunity greater? Where is the challenge more strong? Where can we find a better place to begin our witnessing than in our own communities—in our homes, in our schools, in our places of business—yes, even in our churches? Even though we realize that there is a definite need for spreading the word of the love of Christ into other parts of the world, we must consider that our first call to witness is wherever we now are.

Witnessing for Christ is not always an easy job. Perhaps the hardest place to witness is in our own homes, but the opportunity is there—the challenge is there. The need for families to learn to live together in the love of God is great. How can communities, states, and nations of the world be expected to get along with each other on friendly terms when the individuals of a single family cannot live together in love and harmony? The home is the foundation of Christian characters. It is there that we should be taught to live by the Golden Rule, to love and obey and honor our fathers and our mothers, and to respect the rights and desires of our fellow men—no matter what their race, color, or creed might be.

In our own community, we can be proud to say that race discrimination and prejudice have not played a major part. May we continue in this phase of striving toward the higher goals of life.

However, there is a definite need in our community, as well as communities at large, for us, as Christian citizens, to take part in campaigns directed toward the elimination of obscene literature, gambling, and unclean speech. Also, if we would only open our eyes to statistics, comparing the amount of money spent each year for the advertisement and sale of alcoholic beverages and tobacco with the amount being spent on education in our country,

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SPEAK FOR CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

Citizenship for many requires only the obedience of various laws and the willingness not to interfere with the rights of other citizens. Christian citizenship, however, demands more than the indifferent acceptance of statutes and ordinances and the refusal to harm one's fellow man. It regards government not as a "necessary evil" but as a means through which man may act in expressing his Christian convictions. Christianity infuses into citizenship a concern for others which transcends the boundaries of legal responsibility. Into the legal skeleton which sees man as a social animal Christianity implants the concern for man as a creature of God, possessed of an immutable soul.

Youth have a distinctive responsibility to support Christian principles in government. Separated by a few years from the full burdens and duties of legal citizenship, youth must consciously prepare themselves for the great tasks they are soon to assume. They must avoid the pitfalls of giving lip service to a belief in Christian principles in government while never really taking the time to understand what these principles mean. Under the cloak of Christianity many people have committed great injustices against mankind. These people did not understand the Christian faith—they confused an allegiance to the name with an acceptance of its message. To support Christian principles in government, youth must study their faith and seek a true understanding of its demands. They must study government itself because only the fully informed will be able to place into action the witness of their belief. Buttressed by a firm understanding of their own faith, Christian youth will be better able to realize their responsibility in the community and to transfer their convictions into the reality of positive action. Christians will then study the candidates and issues in political campaigns, will select those who stand for Christian principles, and will work for their election. They will communicate their views to the representatives in Congress. Understanding the realities of government, Christians will enter the political parties and work from within these structures to promote their beliefs.

Christian citizenship, however, embodies more than man's relationship to his government. It encompasses the entire structure of community existence. Government is merely one area through which the Christian citizen works. In projects for community betterment, in fund drives for the conquering of disease, or in work among the community's oppressed, hungry, or destitute the Christian will be found. The Christian will always be mindful of Christ's words, "Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of these, you have done it unto me." Conscious of the equality of all men in the sight of God, Christians will demand equality of treatment for all people regardless of their wealth, social position, race, or national background.

Christian citizenship speaks to the problems of the world. It recognizes Communism for what it is: a materialistic philosophy which denies the existence of God and perpetuates a ruthless tyranny over the minds of men. Christian youth have the responsibility to study Communism so they can understand the evil it

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Winning Letters in Citizenship Contest (Continued)

Division A (Continued from Page 5, Column 1)

we would be truly ashamed to admit our weakness in refraining from the use of these products. There are people in our own country, right now, who do not have glass for the windows of their homes, who cannot afford to buy milk for their children to drink, who are not being educated because of lack of schools and teachers. The living standard of these people is extremely low. Their lives are being ruined because of conditions beyond their control. And here we are allowing our lives to be ruined by the undermining effects of products of our own making.

Being conscious of those articles on juvenile crime that appear daily in our newspapers, we might ask ourselves the following questions as we strive to make our communities better places in which to live and raise our children. Are we endeavoring to curb juvenile delinquency by establishing and conducting places of recreation for our youth? Are we willing to make friends with those young people who might come from the other side of the tracks? Are we inviting those who do not know Christ to our worship services so that they, too, might find the joys of living with Him?

Since the base of our nation's democracy depends on our community governments, are we making an effort to combat the evils of Communism and doing our part to keep our government of, by, and for the people? Since it is our privilege to be living in the United States of America, should we be taking for granted those rights and liberties God has given to us as a free nation? Even if we are not old enough to vote, we can take part in the elections by encouraging our parents and friends to do so. Only when our American citizens come to the realization that voting is not merely going to the polls and casting a ballot, but that it requires careful consideration of the candidates' character and moral standards, will we be able to have as officials of our communities and our country those men and women educated in Christian ideals—those men and women who sincerely believe that "all men are created equal."

Because of our love for God and our country, may we, through international, interracial, and interdenominational organizations, such as Christian Endeavor, accept the commission of Christ by presenting our lives as testimonies for Him. It takes courage and consecration. It takes time and hard work. It takes faith and prayer. It takes the ability to surmount discouragements. But if each one of us believes Philippians 4:13 which says: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," and accepts the challenge Christ gave to us in Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven," we can, with a smiling face, an open heart, and an outstretched hand win the world for Christ through Christian Citizenship.

Yours in endeavor for Him,

Elaine Lenore Kozar

Citizenship Convocation Registration Blank

Please reserve a place and register me for the Citizenship Convocation. Here is \$5.00 payment which will apply on my \$30.00 convocation fee (including meals from Friday night dinner through Sunday noon luncheon and hotel accommodations for Friday and Saturday nights—three or four to a room).

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Church _____ C. E. Union _____

Mail this application and \$5.00 to International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

Division B (Continued from Page 5, Column 2)

presents to the world. Against the evils at home Christians speak with equal vigor. It condemns the union racketeers, gambling czars, and narcotics peddlers for the corruption they foster in society. It seeks to help men who have fallen under the sway of these and many other forms of injustice and crime.

Whether in his home, school, or work the Christian citizen conducts himself in the positive, dynamic way which Christian citizenship demands. At home he cheerfully does his share of the work and respects and honors his parents. In school he shows his faith through his studies, realizing that a task worth doing is worth doing well. Evidence of Christian citizenship becomes especially noticeable in the athletics in which the student participates. There he shows humility in victory and cheerfulness in defeat. For him it is not the winning but the good sportsmanship that counts.

In giving proper recognition to the preparation of today the Christian youth shows his willingness to assume the leadership of tomorrow. He studies the questions which trouble his country and tries to find the best course of action. He backs political leaders who he feels are conscientiously working to solve these problems. Aware of his own imperfections, the Christian has tolerance and respect for those who differ with him. While critical of their views, he does not question their integrity and honesty of outlook.

Above all the Christian citizen is not afraid to stand alone. In a time of mass conformity he does not muzzle his Christian conviction in order to court social approbation. For him the basic problem is to do justly and love mercy—not to seek the vain approval of public opinion. Whether in the home or school, the community, nation, or the world the Christian knows his duty and strives earnestly to fulfill it.

I speak for Christian citizenship. To do otherwise would be failing in my Christian duty. Christians must speak. They must not only proclaim their views but they must also work to carry these out. Because of this belief, I speak for Christian citizenship.

Sincerely yours,

Walter Baker

Young people from all sections of the United States and Canada will explore the meaning of Christian Citizenship when they meet in New York City July 4-6 at the Hotel Governor Clinton. The fee for this Citizenship Convocation, sponsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor, is just \$30. This includes two nights hotel accommodations, six meals, a guided tour of the United Nations, and a three-hour yacht trip. Interested youth should register at once while openings are available. Use the handy blank printed below.

This is the view of United Nations and mid-town Manhattan which Citizenship Convocation delegates will see as they enjoy the yacht cruise Saturday afternoon, July 5, in New York City.

Photo by UNITED NATIONS



Ernest S. Marks, Michigan Leader, Dies

On March 16 Ernest S. Marks, long-time Michigan and International Christian Endeavor leader, died suddenly in Battle Creek. He was enroute to his home in Detroit from Chicago, where he had participated in the meeting of the National Council of Presbyterian Men.

Funeral services were held March 19 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Detroit. Many of those attending were Endeavorers.

For more than 20 years Mr. Marks served as General Secretary of the Michigan Christian Endeavor Union. For a number of these years he was also Field Secretary of the International Society.

In 1946 Mr. Marks was elected Extension Secretary and Director of Public Relations for the International Society. He moved to Columbus, Ohio, and in 1947 was also named Associate General Secretary. In addition to extension and field work he directed the Membership Mobilization and publishing activities.

In 1948 Mr. Marks returned to Detroit to become business manager of Westminster Presbyterian Church. At the time of his death he was Manager of The Presbyterian Village in Detroit, a position which he had held since 1955.

Mr. Marks is the author of the book, "The Christian Endeavor Union." The Outdoor Poster Program is also one of his important contributions to the movement, for

this effective project began under his direction in Michigan.

Maintaining a close connection with Christian Endeavor, Mr. Marks had just completed his work as one of the Michigan judges in this year's Citizenship Contest.

Immediate survivors include his wife, Jessie, 16855 Ardmore Avenue, Detroit, and two daughters, both living in Detroit.

Tribute to Ernest Marks

"Ernest S. Marks occupies a unique place in Christian Endeavor history. He has been one of our outstanding field men, serving a long and successful term as General Secretary of the Michigan State Union, and as Extension Secretary of the International Society. Efficiency and originality were perhaps the keynote of his work, closely allied with a deep and abiding personal consecration.

"Among the monuments to his memory, that he himself created by his work, is our highway evangelism program. He was the founder and always the exponent of this annual effort, known as the Outdoor Poster Program.

"As a long-time friend, a dynamic leader, and a Christian gentleman, I have known Ernest Marks, and thank God for him."

—Dr. Earle W. Gates, President, International Society.

Interested in details of Christian Endeavor's International Fellowship Tour to Europe this summer? Write Harold E. Westerhoff, Tour Manager, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio, for a day-by-day itinerary. A list of helpful hints for European travel is also available.

Frankfurt Committee Plans Special Events

For World's Convention

Many plans are being made by Christian Endeavorers in Frankfurt, Germany, as they prepare to welcome delegates from all over the world to the sessions of the World's Convention July 23-27.

The local committee has arranged city bus trips to see the Römer (the mayor's office, which is world-famous), the zoo, the Goethe Museum, the Palm Garden, etc.

A trip to Koblenz by steamer is planned, plus bus trips to the Taunus mountains. On the day following the convention there will be a boat trip on the Rhine to Rudisheim.

International Fellowship Tour

Many Endeavorers from Canada and the United States will be traveling to the convention in the International Fellowship Tour Party which is being organized by Harold E. Westerhoff, General Secretary of both International Society and the World's Union.

This group leaves New York City on July 12 by air, tours the continent before and after the convention, and returns to New York on August 12. Complete details may be secured by writing Mr. Westerhoff.

Christian leaders from all parts of the world will be participating in the convention program, which is planned around the theme, "Christ, the Light of the World."

HAROLD E. WESTERHOFF

By Dr. Daniel A. Poling, President

The World's Christian Endeavor Union

The election of the Executive Secretary, Harold E. Westerhoff, to the General Secretaryship of the International Society of Christian Endeavor will not add to his duties—already he was and is "completely engaged and fully dedicated." But it does put him where he belongs in a great Christian Endeavor succession.

I have known the General Secretaries of the International Society and of the World's Christian Endeavor Union from Adriance up to now. William Shaw, who succeeded John Willis Baer, regarded as one of the pre-eminent Christian laymen and church administrators of his time, was called the Field Marshal of Christian Endeavor. He was a layman who as a very young man had achieved success in the business world. He made unusual sacrifices to follow his young pastor, Francis E. Clark, into full-time Christian service—first as Treasurer and then as General Secretary of our movement.

Our new chief executive very much reminds me of William Shaw. Harold Westerhoff, too, resigned a successful and rapidly growing business career to accept the call of Christian Endeavor. Previously he had been New Jersey State Christian Endeavor President and a regional officer who was highly regarded. During the war he was in the service of his country.

Mr. Westerhoff's basic Christian Endeavor training was received in the Reformed Church in America, the old Dutch Church of his ancestors. In Columbus, where his former Church is not represented, he has become active in both congregational and denominational relationships of the Presbyterian Church.

I have watched Harold Westerhoff grow. I have seen him administer tour parties in foreign lands, developing as he did so a serenity and poise that have added to his leadership stature. And this growth is further evidenced in his platform ability—he has the Christian Endeavor message on his lips as well as in his heart. He is a dedicated man with organizational abilities and administrative qualities only too rarely found in such degree as they are found in him.

Harold E. Westerhoff is now General Secretary of both the International Society of Christian Endeavor and the World's Christian Endeavor Union. He will lead our Canadian-American delegation to the Frankfurt World's Convention where already he has had a major part in planning programs and activities. All Christian Endeavorers will have Harold in their prayers as he goes forward in the vigor of his strong life to serve "Christ and the Church" in the Christian Endeavor movement at home and over the world.



Paul Called to Europe

No. 1 in a Series: "Let's Go to Europe"

Acts 16:6-10

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

JUNE

Comments by Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart*

Consideration for the Leader

How would you like to go to Europe? As the leader of this first topic, keep in mind the natural connections between the series of topics for this month and the fact that many Endeavorers will be thinking about going to Europe. The 13th World's Christian Endeavor Convention will be held in Frankfurt, Germany, July 23-27, 1958.

Begin this first meeting by having special prayer for the Program Committee and all who take part in that World's Convention. Why not secure a map of Europe and hang it in your society room during this month.

Publicity

Check magazines for modern pictures of sailing vessels. Try to find a picture of a sailing vessel used during the days of the Apostle Paul. Place on a poster these vessels and advertise your topic and program.

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymn: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*
Silent Meditation
Duet: *I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go*
Scripture (Assign Acts 16:6-10)
Prayer
Announcements and Offering
Hymn: *Where He Leads Me*
Leader's Presentation of the Topic
Speakers 1, 2, and 3
Leader's Summary
Our Aim
The Life Problem
Hymn: *We May Not Climb the Heavenly Steeps*
Benediction

Preparation for the Leader

Do you enjoy travel? We have for this month five topics in the unit, "Let's Go to Europe."

The Acts of the Apostles is one of the exciting books of the New Testament. It recounts the brave exploits of Spirit-filled men who defied death itself in their soul-mastering zeal to bear a good witness to Jesus Christ. They had accepted Him as their Saviour and Lord and they were concerned that all men should know that it was by Him that God would judge the world.

These chapters are filled with stirring adventures and hairbreadth escapes, with mob violence and imprisonments, with perilous voyages and a shipwreck, with instances of amazing perseverance and unflagging loyalty culminating in martyrdom. The book of Acts tells of the growth of the Christian movement, of the missionary labors of Paul, and of the establishment of Christian churches throughout the Roman Empire.

In Acts 16:6-10 the Apostle Paul with *Mr. Steinhart is pastor of the First Evangelical Congregational Church, Easton, Pennsylvania.

PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION

1. By what method has God ordained that the Gospel should be published? (Mark 16:15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25)
2. What are some of the things we as Christians owe to the Lord Jesus Christ? (Ephesians 6:1-11; Philippians 1:19)
3. What claims does Jesus Christ have upon every human being? (Isaiah 43:7; Galatians 3:13)
4. What is our society doing in the light of the great commission? (Matthew 11:28)
5. How can we answer Christ in the day of reckoning if we fail to send forth the Gospel?

his party breaks new ground in Phrygia and Galatia. Their course in that direction being mysteriously hedged up, they travel westward to Troas, where they were divinely directed to Macedonia. The historian Luke here joins the missionary party. They embark for Neapolis and reach Philippi. Having finished his visiting of the churches in Galatia and Phrygia, it was Paul's intention to push westward and to preach the Gospel in the great cities of the Roman province of Asia. Ephesus, in particular, held out a challenging opportunity.

But Paul was forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the Word in Asia. Paul then undertook to go northward into Bithynia. But again some circumstance blocked the way. Perhaps these less thickly settled regions did not offer him the evangelistic opportunity that he sought. The record states merely, "the Spirit suffered them not." All of this was difficult for Paul to understand. Only later did he discover that these baffling experiences had all been a part of the gracious providence of God.

Here are some practical considerations: 1. The followers of the Lord Jesus Christ ought to be always under the check and conduct of the Holy Spirit. This is the highest type of Christian living. 2. When God closes one door He opens another. God sometimes restrains instead of urges. 3. God does make His will clear to those who desire to follow.

While at Troas Paul had a vision, one of the most important of his entire life. In it he saw a man of Macedonia who implored him saying, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." Macedonia was not a part of Asia, but Europe. Then Paul understood why the Holy Spirit had blocked off every other road and had brought him down to the coast. The great cities of Europe were waiting for the Gospel. Paul responded to that call. Without hesitation

he and his missionary party boarded a ship. They left Asia Minor behind them and sailed for Europe, for Philippi in the province of Macedonia.

Paul heard God's call and answered and thus began a rich ministry of the Word of God throughout all Europe.

First Speaker

What a responsibility we have! When man has received the light of the Gospel his responsibility has increased before God. God is counting on us to take the message to others. This is our task. He waits for us to do it. He still says, "Go."

Second Speaker

The first recorded convert to Christ in Europe was a woman. The Gospel benefit the woman who sells purple and the poor demoniac slave girl also. The Gospel broke up money-making schemes of bad men (Acts 16:19). Wicked men fight the Gospel worker, for they love wickedness. The man who obeys God implicitly does not know all the events that shall transpire in his life. It pays to serve God faithfully.

Third Speaker

Our Christian Endeavor societies through the Missionary Committee should go the extra mile in bringing the Gospel message to the unchurched of our community. How can we sit idly by after all that Jesus accomplished for us? His cross will ever rebuke us.

Leader's Climax

It is difficult to relax in our Christian way of life when we know of the great multitudes who have not heard the Gospel preached. We are commissioned to tell the story. Let's obey the heavenly vision.

Life Problem

Henry was offered a top position with a new company. But he was also struggling with God's call upon his life. He reasoned thus, "I am a young man with no dependents and I make a large salary; I can pay for another to go in my place." Was that sound reasoning? What should he have done? What would you do?

Our Aim

To so live before men that we shall be the Gospel reproduced in character and in conduct.

Presentation of the Project

Consider a special society missionary project, such as the support of a native missionary. The secretary of your denominational mission board will be happy to supply you with suggestions and information.

Illustration on the Topic

A missionary in Africa wrote: "I have dwelt four years alone in Africa, have been 30 times stricken with fever, have been attacked by rhinoceroses and lions, have been ambushed by natives, have eaten everything from ants to monkeys, but I would gladly go through the same experience again for the joy of reaching these people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

From the Bible

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| M., May 26. | Led by the Spirit. | Romans 8:9-14. |
| T., May 27. | Paul Called by a Vision. | Acts 16:6-10. |
| W., May 28. | To All Nations. | Luke 24:46-48. |
| T., May 29. | Answering the Call. | Isaiah 6:8. |
| F., May 30. | Obedience to the Call. | Acts 26:16-19. |
| S., May 31. | Immediate Service. | Acts 8:26-35. |
| Sun., June 1. | Topic—Paul Called to Europe. | Acts 16:6-10. |

Paul Called to Europe

No. 1 in a Series: "Let's Go to Europe"

Acts 16:6-10



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

JUNE 1

Comments by Charles O. Heyward*

Summary of the Meeting

To remind us that the only right plans for our lives as Christians are God's plans, and that we must be obedient to Him if our lives are to be blessed.

Activity

Using a picture of a steamship or passenger airplane, make a poster with the words "Let's Go to Europe" in large letters, with an announcement "Five interesting trips starting June at Intermediate Christian Endeavor, Sunday at — P.M."

For the Leader

If possible have a large map of the whole Lands to refer to in this meeting, and also for the remaining meetings of this month. Be ready to point out on the map the regions of Phrygia, Galatia, Mysia, Bithynia, Macedonia, and the city of Troas. Notice that Asia, referred to in verse 6, was only a small part of what is now known as Asia Minor. Traveling is a favorite summer activity, and as our families are making plans for summer vacations, there should be much interest in the topics this month on the travels of Paul and the experiences he had. Encourage all to take some part in the meeting. Be familiar with the Leader's introduction. Announce early in the meeting that the Consecration service will follow, so that each member will be reminded to have a Scripture verse or testimony in answer to the roll call.

Suggested Program Outline

Prayer Service
Scriptural Introduction: Psalm 37:23, 24
Announcing of Topic
Hymns: Praise Him! Praise Him! and Let Us Sing the Beauty of Jesus
Announcements (by the president)
Scripture Reading: Acts 16:6-10
Intercessory Prayers
Offering, with Special Music
Hymn: Since Jesus Came Into My Heart
Leader's Introduction
Discussion of Topic
Consecration Service
Hymn: Have Thine Own Way
Silent Prayer
Reciting of Pledge together
Roll Call
Hymn: O Jesus, I Have Promised
Benediction

Leader's Introduction

The book of Acts is full of travel and adventure. During this month, as we are thinking about the trips we shall be taking during our vacations, we are going to discuss a few of the trips into Europe which Paul had, and the lessons that we can learn for our own lives out of his experiences. In the Scripture passage read this evening, we find Paul traveling through what is now known as Asia Minor.

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FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

(Based on Acts 16:16-34)

1. Does God always make the way easy when He sends us to do a job for Him? Why were Paul and Silas glad, even while in prison?

2. Will victory come in the end, if we obey the Lord? Where was the victory in this experience at Philippi?

In one of the cities Paul had found a young Christian named Timothy. This young man impressed Paul so much that Paul asked him to go with him, which Timothy did for part of the journey. Because of their visits in the different cities, the churches grew stronger in their faith and new Christians were added to them each day.

But Paul did not know what was in store for him. He was soon to learn that God had work for him to do on another continent—Europe. We shall now discuss the verses which have been read and see what lessons there are in them for our lives.

Talks

1. (Read Acts 16:6) Paul and Silas traveled through the central part of Asia Minor (find Phrygia and Galatia on the map), teaching the Christians more of God's Word and building them up in their faith. They felt that all of Asia Minor needed to be taught, but when they headed for the region known as "Asia," where the city of Philadelphia was located (find on map), something stopped them. In some way, God made it clear to Paul and Silas that He did not want them to preach the Word in Asia. We do not know how this was made known to them, but we do know that these men were in close fellowship with the Lord and obedient to the leading of His Spirit.

For discussion: What does this experience teach us, if we are to know God's will for us each day as we travel life's journey?

2. (Read Acts 16:7) As the two missionaries traveled toward Mysia, in the northwest corner of Asia Minor, they probably thought, "Surely the Lord would want us to go into the great region of Bithynia to preach His Word," and so they headed into that territory.

Once again the Spirit of the Lord did not allow them to go. The two men must have wondered, "Then where can we go? In each direction that we try to go, we are told that we cannot. The only direction left is east, and the sea is there." But

doubtless they knew that God, in all His wisdom, had a plan which they did not yet understand.

For discussion: Should we always count on the fact that God knows best, even though it may seem to lead us into difficulty? When our parents say "No" to something that we ask for, should we argue with them? Why?

3. (Read Acts 16:8, 9) Even though Paul and Silas did not know the Lord's plan for their trip, they headed east—the only direction left that they could go—until they came to Troas, on the seacoast, and could go no farther. The Lord let them wait until this time to reveal His will for them: they were to cross the sea to Europe!

When the man from Macedonia (a part of what is now Greece) called in a vision, "Come over into Macedonia and help us!" it was the beginning of the great missionary call that has sounded down through the centuries—"Come over to India—come over to Japan—come over to Africa, and help us!" The world is still hungry for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

For discussion: Were Paul and Silas rewarded for their obedience to the Lord? In what way?

4. (Read Acts 16:10) We should notice that the pronouns *they* and *them* in the other verses are changed to *we* and *us* in this verse. This means that the writer of the book of Acts joined Paul and Silas at Troas. (Ask the group who the writer was. A clue may be found by comparing Luke 1:3 with Acts 1:1.)

An important word in this verse is the word *immediately*. Paul had finally discovered through the vision what the Lord wanted him and his companions to do. They were to go over to Macedonia, in Europe, and tell them about Jesus Christ and how He saves from sin.

The three men did not sit down and try to decide whether to go or not, "Immediately" they endeavored to go. To them, the vision was a command from the Lord to go, and they did not question it.

For discussion: When God calls us, what is the one thing that we should do? If God should call someone in this room to go to central Africa as a missionary, should his parents, or anyone, discourage him from going? Why?

To the Counsellor

During the closing moments of the meeting—perhaps during the Consecration service—a brief challenge might be brought to the young people concerning their obedience to the Lord in their witness for Him each day, and the surrender of their lives as Life-Work Recruits in the mission field.

Write to International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio, for copies of the folder, "What Is a Life-Work Recruit?" (35c a dozen). Life-Work Recruit covenant cards are also available (35c a dozen).

Bible Passages

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Paul Meets a Business Woman

No. 2 in a Series: "Let's Go to Europe"

Acts 16:13-15,40

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

JUNE

Comments by Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart

Consideration for the Leader

It is a thrilling experience to be used of the Lord. You have been selected to lead this meeting. You are to bear His name; you are His mouthpiece.

Christian Endeavor is a training school for Christian workers. Exercising the talent to speak and pray in public, serving on committees and in official duties—all help fit the Endeavorer to do service for Jesus Christ. Prepare your heart and mind for this leadership experience. Stand before your society in the strength of Christ for through Him you can do all things. Do all in your power to make this an exceptionally fine meeting.

Publicity

Ask a business woman in your church to write a letter of invitation which can be mimeographed and mailed to each member of your society. Perhaps this woman would be pleased to have part on the program. Check magazines for pictures of business women and place on poster announcing the meeting.

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymn: *Near to the Heart of God*
Scripture Assignment: Acts 16:13-15,40
Vocal Duet: *We Would Be Building*
Prayer
Announcements and Offering
Hymn: *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*
Leader's Presentation
Speakers 1, 2, and 3
Leader's Climax
The Aim
The Life Problem
Participation in Discussion
Hymn: *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*
Benediction

Preparation for the Leader

For a better understanding of the topic review the 16th chapter of Acts. Here we find Paul with Silas on his second missionary journey. He revisits Derbe and Lystra where he finds and chooses Timothy as a helper (v. 1-5). He travels through Phrygia and Galatia, but is forbidden to go into Asia and Bithynia. He receives the call to Macedonia (v. 6-10). Sailing from Troas to Neapolis, he goes on to Philippi. Lydia, the purple seller, becomes a disciple (v. 11-15). In verse 40 Paul comforts the believers and departs for Thessalonica.

Paul was a captive of Jesus Christ. He was caught in the grip of an overwhelming passion. He had new aims and ambitions. He had to go forth and tell what he knew. Every individual he met was a prospect for salvation.

Paul was a city man. He had been born in Tarsus, described as "no mean city." He spent most of his life in great cities

PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION

1. What is your own reaction when young converts are given responsible positions within the church? Would Lydia serve as an example?
2. The Macedonian cry was, "Come over and help us." What is the greatest need of your church? What is your society doing to help meet this need?
3. What differences disappear among men when they become members of the true Church? (I Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 3:28)
4. What is the natural relation of every unsaved man toward God? (Isaiah 53:6; Psalm 14:3)
5. How may the liberty of Christians be abused? (I Corinthians 8:9; Galatians 5:13; I Peter 2:16)

and he felt at home in the midst of a city's teeming life. He saw their strategic importance for the kingdom of God. Perhaps this explains why Paul, who first set foot on European soil at Neapolis (meaning "new town"), now called Kavalla, did not tarry at that small port but pushed on at once to the much larger city of Philippi, nine miles inland.

Philippi was a Roman colony; that is, the people were settled at the place by an order from Rome. They had their own rulers, but were governed by Roman laws and maintained a Roman military post. The city was named in honor of Philip of Macedonia, by whom it was rebuilt and fortified. Here Paul tarried to proclaim the Gospel. The people were Roman citizens since this was a "free city" and this gave Paul and Silas special civil privileges which they exercised later (v. 37).

Observe these three important points:

A. *Paul found Lydia at the place of prayer.* She became the direct object of the Holy Spirit and the Lord opened her heart. She listened to the message of the Gospel as Paul presented it. As a result she was baptized, along with her household, and she practiced the grace of thoughtful hospitality.

Actually, this was not the very first witnessing to Christ on the continent of Europe for we know that there were Christians in Rome at a very early date. Some of them—soldiers, merchants, and slaves—had made the long journey from Palestine to Rome. But Paul's work in Philippi did mark the beginning of organized missionary effort aimed at winning Europe to Christ.

B. *This was the beginning of a fruitful ministry.* Soon there were enough Christians to make possible the organization of the church. Ten years later when Paul was a prisoner in Rome, he sent a letter to the church. We call it the epistle to the Philippians. It shows how dear this church, the first he had founded on European soil, was to his heart. Although the letter contains some paragraphs of correction and reproval, it is in the main an expression of the apostle's thankfulness. This letter contains more expressions of gratitude and affection than any other letter that Paul wrote.

C. *Paul always sought to comfort and strengthen the believers.* Read the full account and you will note that the magistrates were frightened when they were told that Paul was a Roman. Finally Paul and Silas were legally discharged and went to the house of Lydia. There they comforted Christ's followers by telling what God had done for them while in prison. They encouraged the new converts to keep close to Christ, no matter what difficulties they might encounter, assuring them that though they might be called upon to suffer for His name, all would end well.

First Speaker

Women figure prominently throughout the entire Gospel story and have been active in spreading the Gospel through the years. Paul knew that Christ had given us new and high status to womankind even though many teachers of that day had a low opinion of the intelligence and capabilities of women.

Second Speaker

The names of the saints are precious with God and should be so with us. We will never have our names recorded in Scripture, but we can be assured that they are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Third Speaker

Great and lasting good was done by the visit of Paul to Philippi. A church was founded there and the members of it did credit to their profession. Lydia was a whole-hearted follower of Jesus.

Leader's Climax

We can find lasting friendships within the church. We ought to be on the lookout for those who might be completely won to Jesus Christ. If we win one, we have eternal worth.

Life Problem

Helen's employer is a godless man. She feels led to speak to him about his need of Christ, but she is fearful of consequences—she might lose her job. What should she do?

Our Aim

To be what God would have us become, wholehearted soul winners, ever about the Master's business, seeking the lost and winning them to Him.

Messages from the Bible

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| M., June | 2. Gentile Worship Blessed. | Acts 10:1-4. |
| T., June | 3. God Responds to Worship. | James 4:8-10. |
| W., June | 4. Receptivity to God's Word. | Matthew 13:3,8,23. |
| T., June | 5. Conversion. | Psalm 19:7-9. |
| F., June | 6. Home Religion. | Joshua 24:14,15. |
| S., June | 7. Hospitality. | Luke 24:28-30. |
| Sun, June | 8. Topic—Paul Meets a Business Woman. | Acts 16:13-15,40. |

Paul Meets a Business Woman

No. 2 in a Series: "Let's Go to Europe"

Acts 16:13-15,40



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

JUNE 8

Comments by Charles O. Heyward

Purpose of the Meeting

To teach us that God is seeking men, women, boys and girls in all walks of life to trust in His Son, and that the rich and the poor need Him alike.

Religiosity

Be sure that the Intermediates in Sunday School are invited to the meeting, as well as those in the church, through a notice in the church bulletin.

For the Leader

It would be fine if this meeting could be held by a river or lake, to make the topic more real. If the meeting is indoors, arrange chairs in a circle or some other informal fashion. This will not only help make the atmosphere similar to that of the Scripture verses for today's topic, but will make it easier for the more timid members to take part.

If possible, invite a modern "Lydia"—a Christian business woman (or man)—to come and tell the society how she (or he) came a Christian and what Christ means to a Christian in the business world. This might be a talk five or ten minutes in length, closing the discussion.

Program Outlines

Prayer Service
Verses: *Give Me Oil in My Lamp; Isn't He Wonderful?*

Announcing of Topic
Opening Scripture: II Peter 3:9

Hymn: *This Is My Father's World*

Scripture: Acts 16:13-15, 40 (read by 4 members)

Special Music
Prayer (Suggest needs to pray for, and ask for requests. Encourage all to offer a sentence prayer.)

Announcements (by the president)

Closing Hymn: *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Leader's Talk

Discussion

Hymn: *Where Cross the Crowded Ways*
Benediction: Psalm 19:14

Leader's Talk

Let us imagine ourselves this evening on the riverside outside the city of Philippi. Paul, Silas, Timothy and Luke have joined a group of women there for prayer. We will remember from last week's topic that these men had received a call for help from Macedonia, and now they have arrived in this Macedonian city nearly 1,000 miles from their homeland.

Philippi was made up mostly of Greeks and Romans, and since there were not enough Jews to establish a synagogue, they used the riverside for a place of prayer. Among the women was a Gentile named Lydia from the city of Thyratira, in Asia Minor, who had set up a business in Philippi, selling purple cloth.

We will now discuss some questions about the Scripture verses that have been read.

Discussion

1. What kind of city was Philippi?

It was the largest city in Eastern Macedonia and a colony of the Roman Empire. In addition to the native Greeks, many Roman officials, soldiers and colonists lived there, and a small number of Jews.

2. What was different about the place where the Jews gathered for prayer?

The traditional place of prayer for the Jews was always the temple or synagogue. In Philippi, there were too few Jews to have a synagogue, so they gathered by the river for prayer outside the city gates. Perhaps the Roman officials would not let them worship inside the city. In that outdoor place under the skies they prayed and heard Paul teach them from the Scriptures.

3. What does this teach us today?

We know that wherever we gather in Christ's name He is there to bless us. Many Christians in the world do not have beautiful churches to worship in, but they "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness," and this holiness is not brought about by beautiful stained-glass windows but by the presence of the Lord Himself in the hearts of His people. Those who have a beautiful church in which to worship should be thankful for it, but we should all be thankful that we can come to Him in prayer wherever we are.

4. What else was unusual about this prayer meeting by the river?

A Gentile business woman was present from Thyratira, in "Asia." We will remember from verse 6 that God had forbidden Paul to preach in that region, but we see now that He had a plan for the life of one of its prominent women—Lydia, who was hundreds of miles away in Philippi. Lydia was probably wealthier than the others. Only royalty and the people in the highest social class could afford clothing dyed with purple, which was obtained from the bodies of certain kinds of shellfish, and Lydia must have received a high price for her cloth. (Read Mark 15:17, 18 to remind us of One who was mocked by being clothed with purple.)

5. What was missing in Lydia's life?

We can picture Lydia as a very attractive woman, with nice clothes and a lovely home. But she did not have Christ. When she heard Paul tell how only Christ can bring peace to even a wealthy soul, the door of her heart was opened and she let Him in. Only after receiving Christ was her life complete. There are many people

in the world today who have all the things that the world can give, but they are just as much in need of Christ as a beggar on the street.

6. What was the first sign of a change in Lydia's life?

Paul and his friends were humble men, probably poorly dressed, but when Lydia had the love of Christ added to her life, she immediately invited these folks to stay in her home. Christian love overcomes the differences of wealth, class and race. Lydia's invitation was a wonderful example of Christian fellowship, because it was not based upon business relationships, wealth or physical attractiveness, but upon the question, "If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord." Faith in Jesus Christ should also be the basis of our fellowship today.

7. What Christian trait did Paul and Silas show in verse 40?

When they came back to Lydia's home, they had been cruelly beaten and thrown in prison (as told in verses 23-32). But instead of seeking comfort and pity from Lydia and the other Christians, they comforted and encouraged them instead. This thinking of others in spite of suffering reminds us of Christ hanging on the cross but remembering to provide for the care of His mother (John 19:26, 27).

Life Situation

Bob and Larry are friends at school, but Larry lives in a neighborhood of beautiful homes and has things that Bob's parents cannot afford. Bob is a Christian, but the prominence of Larry's family in the community and Larry's fine character have caused Bob to look up to Larry so much that he has not witnessed to him about Christ or invited him to church. Is Bob doing what Christ would have him do? What would you do if you were Bob?

For the Recreation Committee

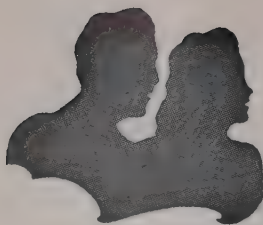
June is National Recreation Month. June 1 has been designated as Recreation Sunday and the entire first week of the month will highlight activities that contribute to the physical, mental, and spiritual fitness of young people. The second week stresses family recreation. Americans need to consider their moral obligation to use their leisure time for the refreshment of the soul, and not merely of the body and mind.

Write to the National Recreation Association, 8 West Eighth Street, New York 11, New York, for suggestions of new and constructive ideas for the use of leisure time.

From God's Word

M., June 2.	Gentile Worship Blessed.	Acts 10:1-4.
T., June 3.	God Responds to Worship.	James 4:8-10.
W., June 4.	Receptivity to God's Word.	Matthew 13:3,8,23.
T., June 5.	Conversion.	Psalm 19:7-9.
F., June 6.	Home Religion.	Joshua 24:14,15.
S., June 7.	Hospitality.	Luke 24:28-30.
Sun., June 8.	Topic—Paul Meets a Business Woman.	Acts 16:13-15,40.

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Paul Discovers Bible Students

No. 3 in a Series: "Let's Go to Europe"

Acts 17:10-14

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

JUNE

Comments by Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart

Consideration for the Leader

Stress that members of the society are to bring their Bibles to this meeting. The topic deals with Bible students so make special use of the Bible. This should happen every week, but tonight it's a *must*! Be prepared by having Bibles in the room just in case someone forgets.

Publicity

Place on a large poster a picture of a pair of binoculars focused on a picture of the Bible. Cut out pictures of men, women, and children to represent Bible students. Print the topic in large letters, with the time and place of meeting.

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Poem (about the Bible)
Hymn: *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*
Scripture (to be read responsively)
Hymn: *Faith of Our Fathers*
Prayer
Announcements and Offering
Special Music
Leader's Presentation
1st, 2nd, and 3rd Speakers
Leader's Climax
Our Aim
Life Problem
Participation in Discussion
Hymn: *O Zion, Haste*
Benediction

Preparation for the Leader

This is the third topic in the unit on "Let's Go to Europe." This group of topics is planned to capitalize on the interest in the World's Christian Endeavor Convention in Europe.

The Scripture depicts Paul's experience in Berea. For background information look at the opening verses of Acts 17. The first verse indicates Paul and Silas left Philippi and headed southwest along one of Rome's busiest and most famous roads, the Via Egnatia. After 33 miles of travel they reached Amphipolis; 30 miles farther on they came to Appolonia. Another 30 miles brought them to Thessalonica, the largest city in Macedonia.

Thessalonica (the modern city is called Salonika) was founded about 315 B.C. by Cassander who named it in honor of his wife Thessalonica, a half-sister of Alexander the Great. Here Paul preached and here he was attacked.

Paul and Silas were charged with disturbing the peace. They were accused of turning the world upside down. Actually they were turning the world right side up. The preaching of the Gospel always disturbs those who are living in known sin, for the Word is sharp. It cuts and heals at the same time. It is God's dynamite to blast sin out of every life.

In the evening Paul and Silas, with the help of their Christian brethren, slipped

PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION

1. Does the fact that we are Christians exempt us from struggles with enemies of the cause of Christ? Can you support your views with Scripture?
2. Is it possible in these busy days to study the Bible each day? How much time should we devote to the study of the Word?
3. How should one study the Word of God?
4. What rich benefits come to those who search the Scriptures?
5. Does our knowledge of the Word make us better witnesses for Jesus Christ? In what way?

out of Thessalonica and made their way to Berea. This was a quiet village in an agricultural district a little off the main road. Paul found the Jews here more ready to listen to his explanation of the Scriptures than any he had encountered elsewhere. They not only listened to his teaching but on their own initiative they searched the Scriptures to see whether or not the things which he asserted were true. Many of these earnest, Scripture-loving Jews believed, along with a number of Greeks, both men and women.

Note that the Bereans received the Word with all readiness of mind. They are commended, not for asking what the Jewish church taught nor for accepting simply what the Apostle Paul taught, but for going further and examining their Scriptures to see for themselves the teachings therein. Here is shown the right and duty of private study and interpretation of God's Word.

As Christian Endeavor members we ought to be Bible students. Continued study of the Bible brings its own rich rewards. Here are a few pointers:

1. *Hear the doctrine of the Gospel attentively.* We are exhorted to give attention to reading. This implies careful listening when others are teaching. When God's Word is proclaimed we ought to be most attentive. No one is the same after hearing the Word of God for his responsibility to truth is increased. He can no longer say that the truth of God has nothing to do with him, for by that truth he will be judged.

2. *Receive the doctrine with readiness of mind.* The Bereans did not shut their eyes to the light. They did not quarrel with

the Word, nor find fault, nor attack the preacher; rather they welcomed the Word. This was true nobility.

3. *Search the Scriptures daily.* To strong Endeavorers for Christ and the Church we are compelled to search the Scriptures. We must meditate upon the day and night. To really improve in Christian life we must do more than hear sermons; we must search the Word daily. This will lead to noble thoughts and actions.

4. *Believe the Word of God.* From the manner in which they heard, received, and examined the Word of God it was likely that the Bereans could be deceived. Since it was the truth which Paul proclaimed to them, it is no wonder that they apprehended, believed, and embraced it.

5. *Render service for Christ.* The Word of God makes a real difference in lives when people saturate their minds and hearts with it. When our hearts are filled with truth we will render service for Jesus Christ.

First Speaker

To study the Bible means we must be devoted to our task. To study implies work. But this is delightful work when one goes through the valleys of truth and then comes out into the sunshine of new discoveries. What a glory unspeakable in the soul! Imagine what could happen to you if you studied the book of Ephesians for thirty days. Why not try it and see!

Second Speaker

Doctrines are not to be rejected merely because they are unpalatable. God's Word must be unpleasant to sinful hearts just as sunlight striking diseased eyes. When our lives are not in conformity with the Word of Truth, the Holy Spirit has a special way of bringing this to our attention through the Word of God. It cuts, but it heals at the same time.

Third Speaker

We must steadily reject the idea that we have learned all that the Scriptures teach. Like good Bereans we must continue to search the Scriptures and find out God's truths for ourselves.

Leader's Climax

To prove ourselves we ought to be diligent and faithful students of the Word of God. If we apply ourselves we shall reap a rich harvest.

Our Aim

To give attention to the study of the Word of God at all times that we might be wise unto salvation.

Life Problem

Robert felt that he was unable to study the Word of God with understanding so he bought several books relating to the study of Scripture. He read the books and neglected the Scriptures. Was he doing right?

Bible Meditations

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S., June 14. Adversaries. II Timothy 3:8,9.
Sun., June 15. Topic—Paul Discovers Bible Students. Acts 17:10-14.

Paul Discovers Bible Students

No. 3 in a Series: "Let's Go to Europe"

Acts 17:10-12



mediate (12-14 Years)

JUNE 15

Comments by Charles O. Heyward

Use of the Meeting

teach us the importance of the Bible in the Christian's life, and the blessings it brings.

Activity

Continue to use the poster suggested at the beginning of this month. Use every opportunity possible to invite Junior Highs to important meetings.

the Leader

Someone can print well have him the words of II Timothy 2:15 (King's Version) on a poster and place it in front of the room. Ask everyone to bring his Bible to the meeting, and have Bibles ready at the meeting for any who do not have one with them. Have a blackboard in the front of the room on which is drawn the outline of a hand, at least three times normal size. This to be used later in the meeting.

Suggested Program

Singing Hymn: *There's a New Day Dawning* (Stanzas 1 and 2)

Biblical Introduction: Psalm 119:9

Announcing of Topic

Scripture and Hymn: *Give Me Oil in My Lamp, Give of Your Best to the Master* Announcements (by the president)

Scripture: Acts 17:10-12

Prayer Prayers. Give these suggestions to different ones for prayer: Thanks to God for His Word, and for the Saviour of whom it tells; a better understanding of God's Word; a greater love for His Word and a desire to study it more; the pastor; the missionaries; the sick; others who are absent.

Singing Hymn: *I Would Be True*

Bible Discussion

Scripture: *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations* Benediction

the Leader

Since we have just finished a term in school, the idea of studying anything—in the Bible—might not be popular with some of us. But Bible study is so important in Christian living, for real happiness and a right relationship with God, that we need to study it all the time, even in the summer.

This evening we are still sharing with some of his experiences in Europe, after leaving Philippi, where we found Paul and Silas in last week's topic, they went to Thessalonica, where Paul taught Jews for two or three weeks about Christ died on the cross for their sins and rose again.

Some of these people believed, and were freed much from Paul, as we read in the next chapter of I Thessalonians, but others became angry and made it so unpleasant for Paul and Silas that they left for the nearby town of Berea. (Find these two

places on the map.) They had a better welcome in Berea, and we shall now hear the lessons for our lives from what happened long ago in that town in Greece.

Talk No. 1

When Paul and Silas came to Berea they went right to the synagogue to do their teaching. They did not announce, "We are setting up a church at 2nd and Main Streets—come hear us there." They knew the Jews would not come. They went to the place where they knew the Jews would be found—the synagogue.

We should not always expect our non-Christian friends to want to come with us to church. We sometimes need to go where we know we will find them, to tell them about our Saviour. We will find them at school, at the corner drug store, or at other places where young people gather. When we go to them instead of expecting them to come with us, we will have better opportunities to witness for Christ. When they know Christ as we do, then they will have more reason to want to come to church and to Christian Endeavor.

Talk No. 2

Verse 11 says that the new Berean Christians received the Word with all readiness of mind. When an outfielder sees a fly ball coming his way, he needs to get under the ball and have his glove ready or he is liable to commit an error and perhaps lose the game.

In the same way, our minds must be ready to receive God's Word or we will "miss" it completely. It will "go in one ear and out the other," and we will not receive any blessing from it. Whenever we study or hear God's Word we should ask the Lord to give us a "ready" mind to receive it.

Talk No. 3

Verse 11 also says that they searched the Scriptures daily to see if the things they heard were so. Christians look to the Bible as the authority for everything concerning their faith and Christian living.

When our mothers bake a kind of cake which they have not baked many times, they look in the cook book for the directions. The book is the authority for being sure of a good cake. If they depended on their own ideas, the cake might be flat or heavy or of poor taste.

Likewise, the Bible should be the authority for all Christian teaching and

preaching, and all preachers and teachers should be willing to let their hearers "search the Scriptures" to see if what they say is true.

Talk No. 4

We see in verse 12 that many believed in Christ as a result of having ready minds to receive God's Word and as a result of searching, or examining, the Scriptures. Romans 10:17 says that "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." It is God's Word, not argument, that causes people to believe in Christ as their Saviour.

The Hand

1. There are five ways through which God's Word can be a blessing to us, and these can be illustrated by the fingers of a hand. One of these ways is to *memorize* Scripture. This means hiding God's Word in our hearts so that we will have it ready to use at any time. (Read Psalm 119:11 and Jeremiah 20:9.) This word is so important that we will let the thumb, the strongest finger, represent it. (Print "Memorize" in thumb.) But if we try to grasp anything with the thumb alone we find that we can do very little with it.

2. Another way to use Scripture is to *study* it. (Print this word in forefinger.) We can study by chapter, or by subject, such as taking all the passages pertaining to one subject, like *obedience to God*. (Read II Timothy 2:15, King James Version.) Study is very important, and now, using both the thumb and forefinger, we find that we can grasp things easier.

3. To *meditate* on God's Word is another way to receive a blessing. (Print this word in the second finger.) By meditating we think about a verse we have read and consider how it applies in daily life. (Read Joshua 1:8.) Using the thumb and two fingers, we can now grasp things better.

4. A fourth way is to *read* the Word. (Place this word in third finger. Read Revelation 1:3.) It is important that we read our Bibles every day, which we have promised to do in the Christian Endeavor Pledge. Adding this third finger helps us to grasp things even better.

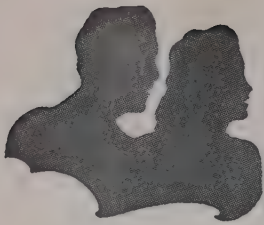
5. We also need to *hear* God's Word. (Place in little finger. Read Jeremiah 31:10.) We hear the Word in Sunday school, church services, rallies and conferences, and this should make us stronger in our Christian life. Now, using all our fingers, we are able to grasp things with our full strength. (Print the letters g-r-a-s-p at the ends of the five fingers.)

Closing Word from Leader

This illustration of the hand comes from the Navigators, a group that is working in many countries helping Christians in Bible study and Scripture memory. They are in charge of the counseling and follow-up in all the Billy Graham crusades. Those of us who are interested in memorizing Scripture may learn about their course by writing them at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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Paul's Experiences in Athens

No. 4 in a Series: "Let's Go to Europe"

Acts 17:16-34

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

JUNE

Comments by Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart

Consideration for the Leader

Athens was one of the most celebrated cities in the world. Assign two members to bring in reports on Athens, one dealing with its religious life and one with its learning.

Publicity

Since Athens was a flourishing city and its buildings were of superb architecture, secure colored pictures of cities and paste them all around the poster you will have on display. In the center place the invitation and topic.

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymn: *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*
Scripture: Acts 17:16-34
Hymn: *My Master Was a Worker*
Prayer (at least five brief prayers)
Announcements and Offering
Special Music (Instrumental)
Leader's Presentation of Topic
1st, 2nd, and 3rd Speakers
Poem
Leader's Summary
The Aim
The Life Problem
Participation in Discussion
Hymn: *Take My Life and Let It Be*
Benediction

Preparation for the Leader

The brethren who were looking after Paul's safety helped him reach the seacoast and remained with him until he reached Athens. Paul, challenged by all that he saw in the city of glorious history, sent back word by the returning brethren that Silas and Timothy should come to him at the earliest possible moment.

In Athens was centered all the culture of the ancient world. Her streets and her hill-tops were adorned with beautiful temples, monuments, and statues. All of these buildings must have impressed Paul. But as a Jew, he found it especially distressing that all this wisdom had been dedicated to a multitude of pagan gods and goddesses, rather than to the one true God. Stirred by this idolatry, and without waiting for the arrival of Silas and Timothy, Paul began his preaching.

Paul's first sermons were in the synagogue (v. 17). Afterward he transferred his preaching to the busy market place. It was here that the business people usually met and here too the philosophers conversed and reasoned.

Paul's preaching, as always, concerned Jesus and the resurrection. Most of the philosophers who heard him dismissed him as a harmless babbler (v. 18), but there were others who took a more serious view of the whole matter. Freedom of religious discussion was permitted, but the introduction of new religions from the East was not tolerated. Therefore, Paul was summoned to appear before the court.

PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION

1. What is our inward reaction when we see the multitude ignore the temple of God on Sunday to follow worldly pursuits?
2. What should be our relationship to those people who claim to have an altar but have no God? How should we deal with them?
3. What can our society do to reach the mass of religious people of our community who do not attend church?
4. Would you consider Paul a failure in his approach to the Athenian mind in this lesson? How would you classify a failure in Christian work?
5. What is our Christian Endeavor group doing for the cause of missions?

Verse 21 is the historian's explanation of the eagerness and promptness of the men of Athens to take Paul, a stranger, to the great place of discussion and deliberation to hear him. The students and learned ones who flocked there had the curiosity of inquirers, which led them to look for the *newer*, rather than the *truer*, thing.

Paul's speech before the Areopagus (this is the name of the hill immediately northwest of the Acropolis, called Mars' Hill) is one which reflects credit upon Paul both as a scholar and as a Christian preacher. He spoke with dignity and in a courteous and studious fashion well calculated to win the philosophically-minded Athenians. Note the following:

1. Paul commended them for their deep interest in all religious matters. Josephus, the Jewish historian, calls the Athenians "the most devout of the Greeks." Athens is said to have had 30,000 statues and images of gods. Paul saw the multitude of altars, statues to gods, and temples, and commended the pious reverence thus shown. Prudently he left undetermined the precise value and character of this religious zeal in his hearers.

2. Paul sets forth his burning purpose. He said, "As I passed along and observed the objects of your worship I found an altar to the unknown god." As for the charge that he preached strange gods, he said that he had done no more than to give fuller knowledge of that God which the builders of that altar had sought to know and honor. That was the true God, the God who had created heaven and earth and who had given to men life, and breath, and all things. "What therefore ye worship in ignorance, this I set forth unto you."

Help from the Scripture

- M., June 16. Ignorance of God. Romans 1:20-23.
T., June 17. Greek Gods. 1 Corinthians 10:19,20.
W., June 18. God Limitless. Romans 11:33-36.
T., June 19. Folly of Idolatry. Isaiah 51:28,29.
F., June 20. Judgment by Christ. John 12:47,48.
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Although too great to be confined to a humanly built temple or to be repayed by any humanly erected idol, God was at hand to all who would sincerely seek Him. Though the Epicureans held that the world was not made by God, but was the effect of a fortuitous concourse of atoms, yet this opinion was not popular; and the Stoics held the contrary. The Apostle assumes, as an acknowledged truth, that there was a God who made the world and all things. This God could not be confined within temples made with hands as the Lord or Governor of heaven and earth.

The gods whom they worshipped, who were shut up in their temples, could not be this God; and they must be less than the places in which they were contained. Paul's was a strong decisive stroke against the whole system of the Grecian idolatry.

Paul also teaches that divine worship was not enacted and established for God, but for the use of His creatures; He needs no man to give Him for man has not but what he received from the hand of the Maker Himself. Although no church was established in Athens we feel sure that were won for Jesus Christ for here, Paul magnified Christ.

First Speaker

The Greeks had no idea of one God, the Creator; they recognized a multitude of gods. Paul tells of the true God who gives life and breath; that is, life as the original gift, and breath as the preservation of life.

Second Speaker

We as members of Christian Endeavor are offered countless opportunities each day to present Jesus Christ to all who pass by. We have pledged ourselves to do what we can. We would have us do. To give a good witness for Him is truly a part of His plan.

Third Speaker

The highest philosophy and art of the world are Christianity and a personal Christ. Reason for religion may be commended as ungodly, but it is possible today to know God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader's Summary

The ignorant with all others must be brought before the Righteous Judge of all things to give an account. Every man answer for himself. Jesus Christ is our refuge from the storms of judgment.

Our Aim

To become well versed in the Scriptures so that we can give an intelligent presentation of the Gospel of Christ.

Life Problem

Albert refused to align himself with the missionary program of the church because he believed that those who had their own religion should be left alone as long as they were satisfied. Was Albert right? Should we approach those of other religions?

Paul's Experiences in Athens

No. 4 in a Series: "Let's Go to Europe"

Acts 17:16-21,32-34



mediate (12-14 Years)

JUNE 22

Comments by Charles O. Heyward

Purpose of the Meeting

This meeting should make us realize fully that the ways of God are far above the ways of men and that we should attempt to explain the Christian faith on our own human mental ability.

Publicity

In addition to using the poster suggested in this series, urge each member to make the meeting known among his friends and as many as possible. This meeting should reach a non-Christian Junior High School.

the Leader

It is possible to display one or more pictures of the Parthenon and other ancient Greek buildings in the meeting room for atmosphere. Paul's experience in Athens was a religious, and this meeting should be. Let it be a model meeting, with much preparation beforehand and as many as possible in each part, so that a strong impression will be made on any visitors who will be present. The faith of the members will be opened. Assign parts in the meeting a week in advance, so that each one will be familiar with his material and will not be late to read it.

Suggested Program

Singing Chorus: *Thank You, Lord; Every Day with Jesus; Every Moment of Every Day*

Announcing of Topic
Hymn: *Are Ye Able*

Scripture (read responsively by two persons): Acts 17:16-21, 32-34

Prayer Time. Urge all to offer a sentence of prayer. Suggest needs to be prayed for, and do not omit the things to be thankful for.

Offering. Special music.

Hymn: *I Need Thee Every Hour*

Leader's Introduction

Discussion of Topic

Hymn: *Jesus Calls Us*

Benediction

Leader's Introduction

Let us imagine ourselves this evening in the midst of the culture and columned buildings of ancient Athens. We have come here with Paul from Berea, about 250 miles to the northwest, where the people warmly welcomed Paul and his companions and many had received Jesus Christ after hearing the Word of God preached.

Athens was a beautiful city and many of the people were well-educated and wealthy. As in other places in Europe, Paul found Jews and a synagogue. But with all of its beauty and culture, Athens was a city that was far from God. We shall now see how Paul reacted to this and what he did about it.

Questions for Discussion

1. What does Paul teach us in Verse 16? While Paul waited for Silas and Timothy

to come from Berea to Athens, his mind was not idle. He did not sit and read a magazine or look for amusement as some of us might do, but he thought only of the fact that the people all around him needed Jesus. His spirit was stirred, or upset, because of their need. We, too, should be stirred when we see so many people each day who need Christ.

2. What did Paul do about it (Verse 17)?

Paul was not satisfied just to be concerned. He "disputed," or argued, for the Christian faith in the synagogue, where the Jews gathered, and in the market place, where he found Greeks who were willing to listen. Paul not only saw the people's need but he did something about it. He witnessed to them. He took the offensive, which any team must do if it is to be a winning team. Christ's team needs witnesses who will take the offensive, as Paul did, and not wait for someone else to do it.

3. What ideas about life did some of the Greeks have (Verse 18)?

Two kinds of philosophers came to Paul to find out what he was talking about. The ones known as Epicureans believed that the important thing in life was to have fun. The Stoics believed that whether a person was having pain or having pleasure, he should not show it outwardly. These philosophers called Paul a "babbler," or a "no-good fellow." Many people today believe as the Epicureans did. They are living only for the world's pleasures, and think we are peculiar because we find happiness in Jesus Christ.

4. What opportunity did these heathen Greeks give to Paul (Verse 19)?

They brought him to the Areopagus, which was the highest council, or court, in Athens. It was located on Mars' Hill and was often referred to by that name. Here, before this high court of Athens, Paul was permitted to deliver one of his most famous sermons. As we see in Verse 34, Dionysius, one of the members of this court, believed in Christ as a result of this sermon. Whether a person is an ordinary man on the street or high in the government, he is still a sinner and needs the Saviour.

5. In what way were the Athenians like many people today (Verse 21)?

With many people today, just as with the people of Athens, a popular activity is to tell or to hear some new thing. It may be

the latest satellite to be launched, the newest fashion, or some new cult or religion that people are joining. "What's new?" is a common question that has become a form of greeting. But very few are interested in the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ, who is able to make "all things new!"

6. What was the important point in Paul's message that caused disagreement among his hearers (Verses 31, 32)? Why is it important?

The point of disagreement was the resurrection. When Paul preached that Christ had been raised from the dead, some of the people mocked him and others said they wanted to hear more about it at another time. It is an important issue because one must believe in a resurrected, living Christ in order to be saved (Read Romans 10:9).

Talk: The Heart of the Topic

Verses 22 through 31, which were not included in the Scripture lesson, contain Paul's sermon at Mars' Hill. In this great message he told the Athenians—and he tells men today—that they are too superstitious, too religious. In worshipping things and gods made with their own hands, men are refusing to turn to the living God who made all things and who gave us life. The "Unknown God" for whom the men of Athens had built an altar is the one true God whom all men need to know, through accepting His Son whom He raised from the dead and by whom all men will be judged.

Life Situation

Nancy attends Sunday school regularly and sings in the youth choir in her church. She comes to the Christian Endeavor meetings and helps in service projects of the young people. She has never admitted herself to be a sinner who needs a Saviour, and believes that her God will reward her for all her religious activity.

What mistake has Nancy made that is like the Athenians with their man-made gods? Can a God which we create in our own minds be the same as an image? Where must we look to find the true God revealed? Read Isaiah 66:1, 2 and tell where Nancy has fallen short.

Closing Meditation

(While all heads are bowed and eyes are closed, have someone read the following meditation reverently, pausing after each sentence. Allow a moment for silent prayer of rededication and decision before the closing hymn.)

Is my God an unknown God? Do I worship Him ignorantly? Is He a stranger to me, or half a stranger? How little time I give to communion with Him! I could not get acquainted with a mere man in so slight a time; how can I expect to know so easily the Lord of heaven and earth?

—Amos R. Wells

Daily Devotional Readings

- M., June 16. Ignorance of God. Romans 1:20-23.
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Paul in a Seacoast Town

No. 5 in a Series: "Let's Go to Europe"

Acts 18:1-11

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

JUNE

Comments by Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart

Considerations for the Leader

It would be a splendid idea to give assignments to members of your society who are engaged in work. Let this be the working persons' night since Paul was a tentmaker and nobly gave himself to the task.

In Christian Endeavor we learn the difference between making a living and developing a life. Here we learn something about the game of life and best of all we know where the goal posts are found.

Publicity

Make a poster: draw pictures of money or paste on make-believe money; write these words in large letters, DOES YOUR MONEY SILENCE YOUR WITNESS? Place the topic and time of meeting on the poster.

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymn: *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*
Scripture: Acts 18:1-11
Hymn: *Jesus Calls Us*
Prayer
Special Number
Announcements and Offering
Presentation of the Leader
1st, 2nd and 3rd Speakers
Leader's Summary
Our Aim
The Life Problem
Participation in Discussion
Hymn: *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*
Benediction

Preparation for the Leader

This is our final topic in our unit, "Let's Go to Europe." This group of topics was planned to capitalize on the interest in the World's Christian Endeavor Convention which will be held in Frankfurt, Germany, July 23-27. Sometime during this meeting take time to pray for those who plan the program. The Holy Spirit will give guidance.

Our topic deals with, "Paul in a Seacoast Town." The cold, mocking tone of the Athenian philosophers was as discouraging to Paul as the scourgings, stonings and imprisonments of the Jewish mobs; so he withdrew to Corinth about 45 miles west.

Corinth was a great commercial city, and the capital of Achaia at the time Paul resided there. It was notorious for its luxury, looseness of morals, and licentiousness. "To live as at Corinth" was a saying which signified profligate living.

Paul encountered a Jew named Aquila who was a tentmaker. Tentmaking was the trade Paul had learned in his youth. Aquila and his wife Priscilla offered Paul lodging and Paul, so as not to be a burden upon them during his prolonged stay in Corinth, assisted Aquila in his work. This was not the first time that Paul had thus furnished his own support. We know from I Thessalonians 2:9 that Paul had worked at his trade while in Thessalonica.

PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION

1. What can our society do to help the boys and girls of our community who do not attend any youth meeting on Sunday nights?
2. Paul followed his trade as a tentmaker while he did his missionary work. Does this apply to our pastors today who have the responsibility of the church upon them?
3. What do we mean when we say that we have a deep concern for the lost? What should we expect from people who make this statement? What is the weight of your concern?
4. Do we have any reason to expect smooth sailing in the work of the Lord or should we expect to find opposition?
5. Can we today be assured of the comforting presence of Jesus Christ? How?

Here you see the Apostle Paul attending the synagogue service, reasoning and persuading the Jews and the Greeks. Note the way in which the Apostle propagated the Gospel—not by force and violence or by fire and sword, but by fair arguing. Paul was a rational as well as a scriptural preacher. He followed his arguments with affectionate persuasions, begging them not to refuse the offer of salvation made to them. Some of them were convinced by his reasoning and yielded to Christ.

The Apostle Paul placed a value on the friendship of Silas and Timothy; they were his friends and they were his helpers. He was greatly cheered in spirit by their arrival in Corinth. Note several considerations.

1. *Paul was constrained by the Word of God.* He now had the assistance of Silas and Timothy and thus gave himself with more ardor to the preaching of the Gospel. But the message that the Christ had come in the person of Jesus was rejected, as so often before, by the majority of the Jews. The synagogue was closed to him and once again he was forced to turn to the Gentiles. One God-fearing Gentile, Titus Justus, believed.

Another of Paul's Jewish converts was no less a personage than Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue. Crispus not only believed in Christ but led the members of his household to believe in Him. Thus Paul's preaching in the synagogue had been far from fruitless.

2. *Paul saw the fruit of his labor.* Wherever you go you will observe that God has

a witness planted who is ready to sow the preaching of the Word. When he would not let Paul go on peaceably with work in their meetings Titus Justus of his doors and told him he was welcome to preach there. Paul accepted the proposition.

3. *Paul was comforted by Christ.* often we need encouragement in our work. Our Lord never fails His own. He will come into the scene at the proper time. In the extremity the Lord granted him a vision to assure him that he was approved and that he would be protected from serious danger. The threatenings might go on, but deliverance would come. Hear these words: "I have much people in this city"—even worldly, commercial, licentious Corinthians. There were many in Corinth who had resisted the Spirit of God and consequently were under its teachings, ready to embrace the Gospel as soon as it was declared to them. Paul continued a little more than two months among them, teaching the Word of God.

First Speaker

Christians may be numerous and even in a city otherwise profligate. We must go into all the world with a Gospel that can transform a man and make of him a new creature.

Second Speaker

God comforts and encourages his servants when needful. Paul was low in spirit and needed the touch of the Lord upon his life. He might be arrested (as he was) but he would not be hurt.

Third Speaker

Our Christian Endeavor societies can do more than just discuss topics. We can lead behind the missionary movement of our denomination with our gifts of love and seasons of prayer. We can strive to reach the unreached in the communities where we operate. We must sow the seed.

Leader's Summary

Our friends will rejoice with us when we feel we stand alone. Silas and Timothy filled Paul with cheer and encouragement. The new converts also brought new zeal to the heart of the apostle. We must press on. God will not fail us.

Our Aim

This topic should inspire us to press forward for Christ and His Church even if we are in the midst of bitter opposition.

Our Life Problem

John made his decision for Jesus Christ but felt within himself that he should remain a silent Christian. He was ashamed to testify for Christ and His Church. men with whom he worked were not in harmony with the teachings of the Church. This presented a personal problem for John. Should he remain silent and lose out or should he graciously witness for his Lord whenever the opportunity presented itself? How should he overcome his own fear in this regard?

Scripture Portions

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Paul in a Seacoast Town

No. 5 in a Series: "Let's Go to Europe"

Acts 18:9-11; I Corinthians 2:1-4



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

JUNE 29

Comments by Charles O. Heyward

Plan of the Meeting

To remind us that the very simplicity of the Gospel can cause people to turn from us and that when we do receive it by faith should let it show in our lives.

Publicity

Be sure that a welcome is given to every Intermediate through the church bulletin, and include the topic and leader's name. Personally invite each Junior High Sunday school.

For the Leader

This meeting might well be held out-of-doors. If it takes place indoors, arrange chairs in a way that is different than usual, keeping the meeting simple and informal, to symbolize the simplicity of the Gospel that Paul preached in Corinth. An informal atmosphere for this meeting should encourage everyone to take some part. Let two of the least active members receive an offering, and ask everyone to take at least some small part. Be familiar with your own part in the meeting so that you can act with confidence and not have to read any of the material. Be sure to pray for the meeting.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service

Choruses: Three favorites of members

Announcing of Topic

Announcements

Scripture: Acts 18:9-11; I Corinthians 2:1-5 (Ask eight members each to read a verse)

Hymn: *I Would Be True*

Prayer Time. Points for prayer: Give thanks for the simplicity of the Gospel; express gratitude that Junior Highs are not too young to receive Christ and serve Him; pray for the ability of each one to tell others how to be a Christian, for blessing for all from this topic, and that new members will be won to the society because of it.

Offering

Hymn: *Stand Up for Jesus*

Leader's Talk

Discussion

Hymn: *I Need Thee Every Hour*

Benediction

Leader's Talk

It is possible that the Apostle Paul was the first Christian to enter the sinful city of Corinth. While Christians today think of a few "resort" cities in North America and Europe as symbols of evil, Corinth was far worse. It took strong faith in the Lord to come alone to such a place.

But God in His providence led Paul to the home of Aquila and Priscilla, who, like Paul, were Jewish tentmakers. Encouraged by the arrival of Silas and Timothy in Corinth, Paul preached boldly to the Jews that Jesus was their Messiah.

The Jews opposed the Gospel so bitterly that it brought Paul to a crisis and a turning

point in his life. He turned away from his own people and said, "Henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles" (Acts 18:1-6).

For Informal Discussion

(Based on Acts 18:9-11)

How did the Lord speak to Paul? . . . How does He speak to men today? . . . Should we not pray every day that God will speak to us through His Word? . . . Is it possible that Paul feared he was doing wrong in preaching to the Gentiles? . . . Why should we be glad that Paul turned to the Gentiles? . . . Does this mean that the Jews are left out? (See Romans 1:16 and 10:1.) . . . What promise was given to Paul that had been given to others before? (See Joshua 1:5 and Matthew 28:20.) . . . The Lord said, "I have many people in this city." What did He mean? Are there people we need to win to Him in our community? . . . Was Paul obedient to the vision? . . . How do we know?

Paul in a Pagan City

First Talk (I Corinthians 2:1). Corinth was a city of Greece, and the Greeks were great admirers of those who could make powerful speeches. Orators always drew a crowd, and those with a gift of public speaking were honored. The Greeks were also admirers of wisdom, and their philosophers, like Socrates, are noted even today. But when Paul preached he did not use the methods of oratory of the Greeks nor resort to their human wisdom. His power was from God. We need this kind of faith and courage today as we witness before non-Christian young people who admire human ability as the Greeks did.

Second Talk (I Corinthians 2:2). In all of Paul's life—his thinking, his preaching, his praying and all his activities—Jesus Christ was at the center. He knew the Greeks admired wisdom and knowledge, but the only important knowledge to him was knowing his crucified Saviour. Paul had a good education, he was a Pharisee, and was blameless before the law, yet he later wrote to the Philippian Christians that he counted all these but filth, that he might win Christ. Does Jesus mean that much to us? Would we be willing to give up everything just to have Him?

Third Talk (I Corinthians 2:3). We know from reading Paul's sermons at Antioch (Acts 13), Mars' Hill (Acts 17) and others, that Paul was a powerful preacher. Yet he says that he stood before the people of Corinth "in weakness, fear and trembling."

Paul was not one who feared men. Perhaps he trembled because of the tremendous subject which he had to preach about—the Gospel of Christ—and the great responsibility that God had given him to bring these pagan people to Him. Do we ever tremble at the responsibility we have of telling others about Jesus?

Fourth Talk (I Corinthians 2:4). Paul preached before men who were used to smooth, beautiful words and phrases which were very appealing to their ears. But he did not depend upon such "enticing"—or appealing—words of man's wisdom. His work for the Lord was to show the power of the Holy Spirit. Even when we speak in our Christian Endeavor meeting, we should not try to use "fancy" words and phrases, but simply "trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength" to say what He would have us to say through the guidance of His Holy Spirit.

Fifth Talk (I Corinthians 2:5). If Paul had departed from Corinth after preaching human wisdom for a year and a half, some new teachers coming in would soon have caused the Corinthians to forget what Paul had taught them. But Paul wanted their faith to stand, no matter what false teachings they might hear. Therefore he refused to depend upon his own wisdom and strength, which might change men's minds for a while, and depended upon the power of God, which alone can change men's hearts forever. The Corinthians' minds might hear "some new thing," as the Athenians did, but in their hearts they had faith in Christ that no man could take away from them.

An Illustration in

God's Creation

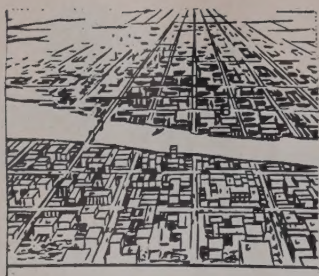
Perhaps some of us have seen the Moody Science film, *Voice of the Deep*. This film tells how divers have gone down deep in the bay and, amid the many fish swimming around them, have found dead silence. Not a sound reaches their ears. The divers call it the "silent deep."

But from their boat at the surface, their companions have let down a microphone until it rests among the deep-swimming fish. The men in the boat immediately hear many loud croaking-like noises coming from the loudspeaker!

The minds of those who have never been born again by faith in Jesus Christ are like the ears of the divers. They cannot receive the truths of God's Word any more than the divers' ears can pick up the sounds from the deep. The mind of one who has received Christ—one who has been born again—is like the microphone picking up the sounds that ears have missed. This kind of mind can receive and understand the things of God's Word which a "natural" mind cannot believe or understand. How thankful we should be, if we have the "new" mind that only Christ can give, that we have the ability to believe God's Word! Human wisdom and understanding are not enough. (Read I Corinthians 2:14.)

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Volunteers in THE CITY CHURCH

With Young Adults

By Bert H. Davis

THE city church never had a harder and more complex assignment than the populous and changing community will provide in the coming five years. The Christian church's obligations grow with the years, deepening in any period of great changes. Many persons, living for one day or week at a time, seem poorly prepared to cope with new situations.

Since many families have moved into unfamiliar settings, or experience economic changes, or suddenly feel adrift from material and spiritual security, a Christian church is facing an amazing variety of opportunities to counsel, comfort, and re-inspire.

Here are examples:

1. Persons need help with: problems of faith, vocational questions, realignment needed as forms of employment change, the use of leisure time, maintenance of physical fitness and mental wholeness, sorrow and sometimes despair in the loss of a loved one, and preparation for and full satisfaction in retirement.

2. Families need help in: training children in the home for Christian living, counseling youth on life choices and on recreation, dealing with juvenile unrest and rebellion, adjusting home life when the children set forth, facing not only sorrow but income problems when the earner becomes incapacitated or dies, fitting things together for a broken home circle, and coping with either rapidly rising income or diminished resources in Christian spirit.

3. Communities need the Christian solutions, at once spiritual and practical, at every turn.

4. The nation and the world are seen as concerns of the city church, particularly the larger among these. Parish resources, in volunteer manpower and in funds, can be shared resultfully in that larger parish, All Mankind, to which Christ offers salvation and rebirth.

THE church that deals with people who didn't prepare for change and disruption must in itself be ready to help in emergencies. Often its minister's time will be pre-empted by the sudden needs of persons who are the church's neighbors but did not until now give much heed to church or pastor. Volunteers help at many points in meeting these calls. Programs conducted by volunteers also aim at prevention; the Sunday school teacher and the leader of recreation are providing experiences for children and youth that forestall some behavior problems that might

otherwise arise. Volunteers bear responsibilities in church leadership and management which release the minister for a widespread service in counseling and comforting.

Often a church's facilities should be revised to meet calls for what might be termed humane services. The layman should know the answers to such questions as: Is the pastor's study suited to a confidential and personal consultation with a troubled, perplexed person? (It should be set off from interruptions; keep the extra hymnals somewhere else! A study used for conferences must not look too much like an ordinary business office.) Can the church kitchen quickly supply warm meals for three children nearby? (The mother has just been moved to a hospital.) Do we have in stock emergency supplies such as first aid necessities, extra bed linen, serviceable used clothing, and even crutches and a wheel-chair? Do we provide for quick transportation for a minister on errands of mercy?

As Ross W. Sanderson wrote, in *The Church Serves the Changing City* (Harper):

"When homes lacked baths Morgan Chapel (in downtown Boston) put them in. When recreation is not organized, alert churches provide it or get it organized in the community. Where social services are absent, churches supply them, at least on an emergency basis. . . . If the need is great, the response must correspond. . . . If no church can serve everybody, all the churches working together must see that everybody is somehow served."

When a neighborhood changes, some congregations move uptown—but others remain, to minister to foreign-born or Negroes or Puerto Ricans or Mexicans. It is with such remaining outposts of Christian service in changing neighborhoods that Dr. Sanderson's book (1955) already mentioned deals.

But the uptown church too offers many opportunities for outreach and the evangelistic spirit, calling for commitment and hard work by volunteers as well as church staff people. Most city churches of 500 or more members don't attempt to confine their ministry to families in about the same income bracket or social standing. There is need in the so-called "rich" congregations, while areas of blight and discouragement are close to numerous uptown churches. Let the church's program be planned to merge blue-collar and white-collar folk at all ages. Discover the skills of those who now do not feel close to your work. Teaching classes in crafts, sharing

in discussion groups and in drama, aping skills in the repairing of building equipment are typical of volunteers' interests your church can seek to utilize. One's active faith—not finances or "a good address"—is the key to serving in church.

The small church in the city can be important in its neighborhood. It should try to specialize in meeting some time needs: language classes, discussions of civic issues, crafts shop, aid with home-making problems, counseling, community hymn sings, evangelistic meetings.

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June 29. God Bless Our Land. Psalm 33:12; Deuteronomy 8:7-9

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NEWS

from around the world

Harold M. Dudley of Washington, D.C., has just been appointed Information officer in charge of the information program of the National Institute of Neurological Cases and Blindness, one of the seven institutes at the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland. Dr. Dudley, a member of the Executive Committee of the International Society, is also busy with his for the Washington Pilgrimage scheduled May 2-4 in the Nation's Capital.



Photo by Lawton G. Hatcher
Shep Clark (in center of photo behind CE program) planned this Christian Endeavor Day in Augusta, Georgia. A number of churches were represented and good fellowship enjoyed.

the annual Christian Endeavor Longers Rally at Union Tabernacle Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, year's subscription to THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD was awarded to Neidig and June Dodson. They tied first place for bringing the most visitors.

The unusual Christian Endeavor Society of the West Side Hungarian Reformed Church in Cleveland, Ohio, is made up of refugee people. Most of the fifty members belonged to Christian Endeavor groups in Hungary, although the Communists tried to suppress such organizations. Last Thanksgiving the group gave a "thank you" dinner for members of the church, which helped some 400 refugees to relocate after the Hungarian revolt. Rev. Mathias Proczy is pastor.

These young people received the awards for their societies at the recent Westchester County convention at White Plains, New York. They are (to right) Peter Paulsen, Leslie Davidson, David Johnson, Howard Green, James Edgar, Judy DeLeeuwe.

Photo by C. John Crockett



On March 4 Maine Baptists honored Miss Lena Kerr. Listing her many activities, THE MAINE BAPTIST MESSENGER states that Miss Kerr "gave active leadership to the Christian Endeavor movement for 25 years." She served as secretary of Maine Union for many years and was also employed as office secretary.

According to reports, everyone was "all shook up" when the ALPHA missile was launched at the annual banquet of the Alpha Alumni Christian Endeavorers of National City Christian Church in Washington, D. C.

An active, long-time Endeavorer is the happy winner of \$12,100 in a crossword puzzle contest sponsored by THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER. She is Mrs. Retha Rotz of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. She and her husband are active workers in the King Street United Brethren Church, of which Dr. Clyde W. Meadows is pastor. They have been tithers for many years. In speaking of the church, Mrs. Rotz said, "Even tithing isn't enough. They need more. They're going to get some of this."



Unusual place cards at the Washington County (Maryland) Banquet during Christian Endeavor Week featured this significant photo. Over 200 were present at Grace Evangelical United Brethren Church for the event. Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart was the speaker.

Other Maryland birthday celebrations included a banquet in Baltimore at Arlington Presbyterian Church, at which Mr. Steinhart also spoke, with 125 present. About 100 were present at Grace United Church of Christ in Frederick for the county banquet. Rev. Joseph F. Callahan spoke at the Carroll County Banquet at the Brethren Church in Linwood.

Dr. James DeForest Murch, editor of UNITED EVANGELICAL ACTION and one of the International judges in the 1958 Citizenship Contest, recently was awarded a George Washington Honor Medal by the Freedoms Foundation for his magazine article published in CHRISTIAN HERALD.



Cecil Jeffery talks with a group of Washington State Christian Endeavor leaders.

Cecil Jeffery's first assignment as Extension Secretary of the International Society took him to Washington State for a series of Advisers Conferences. Meetings were held in Seattle, Tacoma, Yakima, and Bellingham, with a total of 254 advisers, pastors, and youth directors present. The team that participated included Ed Underhill, the state president, Mrs. Wava LeRiche, Rosemary Klontv, Jerry and Kathryn Harrington, Jerry Wilson, and Hal Thwing. Each meeting began with dinner and a challenge from Mr. Jeffery. Following age group conferences the evening closed with a question and answer period. As a result of this effort five churches decided to adopt the Christian Endeavor program. The series of meetings was considered to be highly successful.

The speaker at the Easter Sunrise Service at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington, Virginia, was Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union. This service was broadcast by the Voice of America.

"Life Long Loyalty" was the theme of the Connecticut Christian Endeavor Rally April 27 in New Haven.

These young Endeavorers from North Memorial Baptist Church in Auckland, New Zealand, met Dr. Daniel A. Poling on his recent trip "down under." The president of the society is Rev. Ridland Jamieson (standing, fourth from left). Murray F. Smith, national secretary of the New Zealand Christian Endeavor Union, is standing at the extreme left. Next to him is Miss Joan Turley, secretary of the Auckland Union.



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A pastor's wife, a young people's counselor, and an active Endeavorer—that's Jane Reid Cattermole, author of the Intermediate Guide. Her husband, Rev. Richard A. Cattermole, is pastor of Faith Evangelical Congregational Church, Temple, Pennsylvania, where she serves as counselor for the young people. She is Junior Superintendent of Berks County Union and has held many Christian Endeavor offices.

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